

October 10, 2000

State of Utah

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Lowell P. Braxton, Director / *Pamela Grubbaugh-Litbig, Acting Assoc. Dir*

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Re: Public Notice of Star Stone Quarries, Inc.

Heber Quarry mine Plan, M/051/001, Wasatch County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton / *Ms. Grubbaugh-Litbig*:

In response to your notification of September 14, 2000, re: the above, we want to register a strong protest in opposition to approval of Star Stone Quarries permit application to expand their existing mining operation in Heber City.

We are adjacent property owners (Lot #6, Lake Creek Estates) to the existing mining operation, having lived here since May 1996. Although we were aware of the existing quarry, there was no major activity to warrant any concern to our desire to build in this area. We purchased this property with the express purpose of enjoying the beauty, solitude, and view of this area.

In the ensuing 4+ years since living in our home, quarry operation has become more noisy, has enlarged the area of operation, has allowed workers to live on site with no sanitary provisions, has worked beyond normal operation hours--all beyond the original small mining operation constraints, we have come to learn.

We have several very valid concerns:

1. Increased noise and dust levels
2. Increased heavy truck traffic (noise and safety issues)
3. Destruction and defacing of the mountain backdrop directly behind our property, i.e. destruction of the pre-existing beauty and peace of the area
4. Reduction in our considerable property value investment (\$550,000!!)
5. Poor track record of SSQ in honoring its existing small mining operation terms--no confidence that SSQ will feel any compunction to honor an even larger operation

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Not only do we strongly oppose an expansion of this operation but we also insist that Star Stone Quarries honor their existing mining restrictions and requirements. Along with other homeowners in this area, we request a public hearing on this matter before any action is taken to expand this operation.

Sincerely yours,

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